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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Subcommittee

The Central Intelligence Agency is requesting [] new 25X1
obligational authority for FY 1976 and [] July-September 25X1
1976 transitional quarter. Since some of you have had little previous
exposure to the CIA budget, I would like to spend the limited time
available today on an explanation of what those dollar figures mean in
relation to past Agency expenditures and in terms of the programs on
which the money will be spent. When I return later for our regular
presentation on the Agency's budget and on our total Intelligence
Community program, I will, of course, go into greater detail on both.
Your questions today will help us to design those presentations to
concentrate on matters of particular interest to you.

My remarks will be heavily concentrated on the CIA, but I have
already alluded to a larger consideration that I want to emphasize at
the outset. CIA is one part--a small part--of the National Foreign
Intelligence effort. Most of the Agency's programs are so interlaced
and interleaved with other portions of that program that it is difficult,
and certainly misleading, to consider the CIA program in isolation from
the total effort. As I briefly review past CIA budgets and the 1976

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